AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11, as follows:

A There is a digital versatile disk player (DVD player) is as an example of a conventional data player. In a DVD player, data written on a disk (DVD) is encrypted so that a player which does not adopt means for copyright protection cannot play the data on the disk and, therefore, only a player which is legally provided with a key can play the disk. Generally, the key required for playback is given to each DVD player.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4, as follows:

In the conventional data player, however, once a data player is recognized as being eligible for playing specific contents by the key storage unit and then obtains a contents key and stores it in the contents key storage, the player can illegally play plays other encrypted contents by using the stored contents key even when the player is not eligible to play the contents.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 20, as follows:

Figure 3 is a block diagram illustrating key storage units, DVDs, and a DVD player in the case where the DVD <u>player</u> is judged as being an illegal player.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 29, line 15, as follows:

Hereinafter, the internal structures of the key storage <u>unit</u> 40 and the data player 110 will be described in more detail.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 57, line 21, as follows:

It is assumed that the playback system of this fourth embodiment is used for playing a movie on a mobile body such as an airplane or a bus. As an example of illegality, it is supposed that the movie is copied without permission by a working staff stuff or a passenger. In this case, the playback system of this fourth embodiment can specify the data of the device, time, and place of the illegal copying, from the illegally copied video/audio signal. Furthermore, it is possible to mark down the person who illegally copied the movie, according to the specified data and the boarding list of the working staff stuffs and passengers. It is supposed that, as another example of illegality, someone carries out the playback system without permission and then performs illegal copying. In this case, the device carried out and used for the illegal copying, and the time and place when/where the illegal copying was performed, can be specified. Even when illegal copying is performed in an individual home, the device or the home by/in which the illegal copying was carried out.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 58, line 14, as follows:

Furthermore, the playback system of this fourth embodiment can detect the data which specifies a person who did an illegal act, and this will dissuade a person who is thinking of doing an illegal act from actually doing it actually.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 62, line 17, as follows:

Thereby, when the stream output units $241 \sim 243$ and the data players $204 \sim 206$ are stolen, playback by the stolen units is avoided. For example, when these units are <u>used in lent to</u>

seats of an airplane or a bus, the respective units are set so that they perform playback only when the signals from the real time measuring means 221 and the real position measuring means 222 are supplied. Thereby, even when <u>stolen</u>, the lent units are carried out, these units cannot be used for playback, whereby illegal playback is avoided.